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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claim 18 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

5 ⁵18. (Three Times Amended) An isolated, enriched, or purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

(a) encodes a full length polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ

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